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1. THE UNDER SECRETARIES COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT OF JANUARY 29 CONFIRMS THAT \$14.2 MILLION WILL BE REQUESTED TO FUND U.S. SHARE OF PROJECT COSTS IN PANAMA DURING FY-76. HOWEVER, ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING OMB, UNDERSTAND THAT IF THE COLOMBIAN FMD CONTROL PROGRAM IS JUDGED EFFECTIVE, MONEY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN COLOMBIA WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THIS AMOUNT EQUIVALENT TO THE FY-75 FUNDS INTENDED FOR COLOMBIA BUT NOT USED THERE.

2. THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION AGAINST PROCEEDING IN COLOMBIA NOR ANY PREJUDGMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COLOMBIA'S AFTOSA CAMPAIGN.

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3. THE USC RECOMMENDATION WAS FORWARDED TO THE NSC STAFF ON JANUARY 29 AND IS NOW AWAITING DECISION. ALL AGENCIES BUT TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDED DELAYING ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON THE FIRST SECTION OF THE HIGHWAY UNTIL AFTER THE FMD CONTROL PROGRAM IS IN PLACE AND JUDGED EFFECTIVE. DOT RECOMMENDED PROCEEDING IMMEDIATELY WITH ADVERTISING FOR BIDS BUT MAKING ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENT ON SATISFACTORY FMD CONTROLS. KISSINGER

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